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Applicant: Rover et al. :

: Art Unit: 2137

Serial No.: 09/530,334 :

: Examiner: Nguyen, Minh Dieu T

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## TRANSMITTAL

1.   Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated
     December 23, 2003, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 3,
     2005 (8 pages); Return Receipt Postcard.

## STATUS

2.   Applicant
     ☐      claims small entity status.
     ☒      is other than a small entity.

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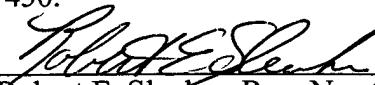
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## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

| Extension for response within: | Other than small entity Fee | Small entity Fee (if applicable) |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ first month | $ 120.00 | $ 60.00 |
| ☐ second month | $ 450.00 | $ 225.00 |
| ☐ third month | $ 1,020.00 | $ 510.00 |
| ☐ fourth month | $1,590.00 | $ 795.00 |
| ☐ fifth month | $2,160.00 | $1,080.00 |
| | Fee Due | $ |

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

☐ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor $_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request $

**OR**

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE | OR | ADDITIONAL RATE FEE |
| TOTAL | 36 | MINUS | 36 | =0 | x $9 = $ | | x $18 = $0.00 |
| INDEP. | 6 | MINUS | 7 | =0 | x $43 = $ | | x $86 = $0.00 |
| | FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + $145 = $ | | + $290 = $ |
| | | | | | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE $ | OR | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE $0.00 |

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(a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

(b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required $

## FEE PAYMENT

5. _____ Attached is a check in the sum of $_____

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of $
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

## AND/OR

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. ☐ Other:
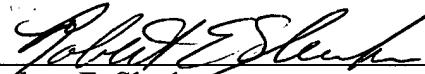
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